

REMARKS

Restriction has been required between original claims 1-8 drawn to a pay table and claims 9-17 drawn to a poker game.

The required election is made to the claims drawn to a poker game, which includes claims 9-17. This response also amends claim 1 to make it clear that that claim also is drawn to a poker game. Moreover, claims 2-8, dependent on claim 1, all define specifics of betting and dealing cards, showing that these claims are already drawn to a poker game.

Since all the original claims except original claim 1 involve game rules for dealing and betting, as well as rules for winning and losing, and since claim 1 has been amended to include a betting and card dealing system, it is now clear that all the claims presented in the application are drawn to a poker game. It therefore becomes appropriate to withdraw the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-17.

For any question on this, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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